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Dear Gary,

We each have whatever infection is currently popular, restricting what we can do. I had decided this is a good time for removing dead files to make room for active ones. When I came to yours, I was reminded of your long silence.

I suppose the right to say nothing can be interpreted as a kind of exercise of free speech. However,,,there are some things about which it is not, to use words you have heard before, either ethical or moral.

There has been close to a year in which you might have returned that of my work you have. There was a time I wanted you to have it. There is no need to repeat the history that strengthens this desire. It is further strengthened by your preference for silence where, in my view, the best that can be said for it is that it is a copout. As I remember it, when I showed you the true meaning of your letter to the Archives you had sent me for an entirely different and obviously false purpose, is the beginning of your silence.

If you have not learned from this one case of Cyril, or the one before it, of Ned (unless you consider them one, as they in part turned out to be), you just won't let yourself learn that your judgement can't be trusted in these things. Your emotions hold it captive. There is no chance of doing good and any chance of doing harm is too much.

So, I am taking time I should not have to to ask you to do what the most simplistic concept of honor, if not self respect, should have required of you with no prompting.

You probably won't see it as I put it, but I think you owe this as much to yourself and your self-concept, now or in the future, as you do to me.

You know me well enough to know this is not an angry letter. You know I once felt toward you as a father. So, as a father would say to a son, I tell you that, if with the passing of all this time and what you should have learned in it and what should have come to mind in thinking about that which is in dspiute between us, or rather was, your views are unchanged, in my unscientific opinion you should go back to your therapist.

There is nothing you can do to undo the past. There likewise is nothing I can or will do to get you to return my work. Neither of these figures in my "fatherly" advice. All that does is you. There can be nothing in it for me, if you permit yourself to think a bit. I won't even know, unless you tell me, and I don't want you to.

I look back upon what has happened to so many who could not cope with the frustrations or, with the expenditure of considerable effort, could not accomplish what each sought (which is not identical in all cases). You also can. I want you to do your own thinking about this, again without knowing about it. So, let me give you a few reminders: Garrison, Salandria, Sylvia, Lifton, the Newcombs, the Verb group (one of who recently told me that two of the others probably were agents, one for sure), Steve Burton (if you didn't know him, after the Shaw trial he quit everything, his family, school-the whole world- just to beat drums on some beach somewhere), Cyril (have you not yet vomited? and if you haven't, ask Howard what he read in my Cyril file, far before all this terrible stuff of which you were part), and Ned, not to tick them all off.

I would rather than no similar thing come to you.

More than three months ago I suggested that you read about the African-American Institute and Katzenbach in The Esiopage Establishment. Maybe you did, but I think you'd probably have prefered not to face any possibility. I still am not chiding you for sending Ned here and I tell you quite frankly that without his unusual pressure, Cyril would still have been used by the government, for I knew in advance of Lattimer that he would be, as Howard, who happened to be here, can affirm. With apologies for the LIGHT*EXPOSED paper as for the results of using discarded typewriter ribbons, I enclose herewith the relevant parts of pp. 137 and 139.. I could send you more, like some of its operations, beginning with original funding by Smerican Climax Metal Co., which operated in Africa. And how they devoted themselves to revolutionaries, and so much that exactly parallels Gaudet. I don't because I don't insist this has to apply to Ned, that he doesn't have to be CIA (although if you will also look at the footnote on 140 you will learn that that other great "liberal" Tom Braden brags about having been responsible for all that mess with the foundations). Ned went to Katzenbach over my explicit objection and his agreement, the reason for the second excerpt. I think it is time for you to think, if in silence.